AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

~~SILENT HOOK-AND-LOOP FASTENER~~ SILENT SURFACE FASTENER

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 14-15 as follows.

(c) The apparent density of the first and second flat base materials and/or the engaging elements is 0.5 ~~(g/cm^2)~~ (g/cm^3).

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 3-20 as follows.

If the apparent density of the first and second flat base materials and/or the engaging element is 0.5 ~~(g/cm^2)~~ (g/cm^3), the level of noise volume when the surface fastener is released can be lowered largely. Particularly, it is preferable that the apparent density of the base materials of respective fiber-made surface fastener members which are mating is 0.5 g/cm^3 or less, and that each base material has a substantially equal fiber density all over the surface. The flat base material having a substantially equal fiber density refers to a variety of woven/knitted fabrics in which warp/weft densities or the course density and wale density are equal all over the surface of the woven fabric or knitted fabric, or a variety of unwoven fabrics in which the percentage of void of fiber is dispersed substantially equally. Because the apparent density of the base material is 0.5 g/cm^3 or less, at least the base material of one surface fastener may be formed in a multiple woven/knitted structure which is woven or knitted in multiple layers.

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, lines 7-19 as follows.

According to experiments by the inventors, it has been made evident that, in a frequency range of 100 Hz to ~~150000~~ 15000 Hz, the quality of the noise can be evaluated by comparing areas around 3000 Hz as a standard. A peeling noise including a number of high frequencies of 3000 Hz or more is offensive to the ears, thereby providing with a feeling of discomfort, and a noise including a small number of high frequencies turns to a soft noise. When a ratio (A/B) between an area A of a region in which the acoustic spectrum of a Fourier transformed peeling noise is 100 Hz to 3000 Hz and an area B of a region in which the acoustic spectrum of the Fourier transformed peeling noise is 3000 Hz to 15000 Hz is less than 0.4, the peeling noise is felt to be offensive to the ear and uncomfortable.

Please amend the paragraph at page 60, lines 4-13 as follows.

Although the main peak of a spectrum obtained by Fourier transformation of a noise generated at the time of peeling was about 3670 Hz when the bending strength was 46 gf · cm/2.5 cm, it was shifted to a ~~low-temperature side~~ low pitch noise side up to 775 Hz and dropped when the bending strength was 19 gf · cm/2.5 cm. FIG. 15 indicates that although the high frequency component ratio (A/B) is 0.29 under 46 gf · cm/2.5 cm, it is 0.67 under 19 gf · cm/2.5 cm. From the figure, it may be considered that the relation between the bending strength and the high frequency component ratio is linear.

Please delete the paragraph at page 61, lines 16-25.

Please amend the paragraph at page 75, line 9 - page 76, line 4 as follows.

FIG. 35 shows a modification of the fifth embodiment. According to this modification, a base material of a second surface fastener member 20 is constructed of a fiber material. A first linear material 39 including a magnetic linear material therein or mixed with magnetic powder is woven or knitted into the flat base material 21 at the same time when the flat base material 21 is woven or knitted so as to form a loop-like engaging element 22, and both ends of the linear ~~material 38~~ material 39 are connected to the power supply 37. On the other hand, in a first surface fastener 10 as well, a flat base material 11 is constituted of a fiber woven fabric or knitted fabric. When it is woven or knitted, a second linear material 40 mixed with a magnetic linear material or magnetic powder is woven or knitted with a loop formed. After the second ~~liner~~ linear material 40 woven or knitted, part of the loop is cut so as to form a hook-like engaging element 12a. According to this modification also, when the power is turned on, lines of magnetic force are generated, so that a joining force between the first and second surface fastener members 10, 20 is intensified, thereby suppressing the level of the peeling noise to 80 dB or less at the time of peeling.